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FOR BUNKER AND LINOWITZ FROM JORDEN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PN
SUBJECT: LETTER TO TORRIJOS

REF: STATE 053007

1. LETTER TO TORRIJOS FROM PRESIDENT CARTER WAS DELIVERED LATE YESTERDAY IN HOSPITAL. FOREIGN MINISTER INVITED ME TO HIS OFFICE THIS MORNING TO CONVEY TORRIJOS' REACTION. IT WAS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE HE CONSIDERS THAT IT WAS EXTREMELY COURTEOUS OF THE PRESIDENT TO ANSWER HIS MESSAGE SO PROMPTLY. HE FINDS THE LETTER TO BE COMPREHENSIVE AND WARMLY HUMAN. IT APPEARS TO HIM THAT THE TWO LEADERS ARE CLEAR ABOUT THE REAL OBJECTIVES. BUT HE THINKS PERHAPS THE NEGOTIATORS WANT THEIR LEADERS TO DO THEIR JOB FOR THEM. TORRIJOS HAS THE IMPRESSION THAT HE AND PRESIDENT CARTER ARE GOING TO ESTABLISH A GREAT AND PROFOUND FRIENDSHIP BECAUSE THEY ARE BOTH MEN OF THE COUNTRYSIDE AND POPULISTS. HE KNOWS THAT RURAL LIFE IS BASICALLY THE SAME ALL OVER THE WORLD AND THAT IT CREATES A SPECIAL WAY OF THINKING. UNQUOTE.

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2. I TOLD THE MINISTER I THOUGHT THIS WAS A POSTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE MESSAGE. I SAID I WOULD CONVEY IT TO PROPER AUTHORITIES IN WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY.

3. AS YOU KNOW TORRIJOS HAS BEEN IN HOSPITAL FOR PAST FEW DAYS UNDERGOING TESTS. APPARENTLY HE IS NOT IN

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SERIOUS CONDITION AND MINISTER EXPECTS HIM TO RETURN HOME
LATER TODAY OR TOMORROW.
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